

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh Government also received 30 per cent of the amount for negotiating the deal; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTFrtOF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No. Sir. However, an area of 1,293.57 acres (767.74 acres of I nam land and 525.83 acres of area declared as Government land) has been handed over to National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. (HNPCL) by way of acquisition under the provisions of Land acquisition Act and alienation by the District Collector, Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

(b), (c) & (d) In respect of 767.74 acres of I nam land, compensation amounting to Rs.3.1 7,46,312 has been deposited in the District Court, Vishakhapatnam under Section 30 & 31 of the Land Acquisition Act. In respect of the Government land, the following arrangement has been made by the State Government for apportionment of the market value fixed 117 Rs. 2.25 lakh per acre;

- (i) 30% of the amount shall be credited to the Government account;
- (ii) 35% of the amount shall be paid to the Wakf Board; and
- (iii) 35%^ of the amount shall be paid to the occupants/encroachers, if any.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs.2,08,59,300 has been so far to the Wakf Board as compensation for 264.8 acres out of 525.83 acres of Government land.

#### **Scheme to liberate and rehabilitate scavengers**

465. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the scheme to liberate and rehabilitate scavengers and their dependents is facing financial crunch;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) what amount was released by Government towards this scheme during the last three years;
- (d) whether any fresh proposal has been mooted by Government in this regard where involvement of NGOs has been sought; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposal including budget areas to be covered and monitoring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of Central assistance released during the last three years under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents, are given below:—

Year	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	90.00
1998-99	05.90
1999-00	70.00

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The aspect of participation of NGOs towards preparation of project report by incurring expenditure upto 2% of the project cost and for placement of trained scavengers in suitable alternate jobs with one time expenditure upto Rj.2000/- per person and that of participation of reputed and independent research organization for concurrent evaluation of the project by incurring expenditure upto 2% of the project cost, has been considered under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents.

#### **Special schemes for poor**

466, SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister\* SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give special deal to the poorest of poor in the country, who are socially weak and are below the poverty line;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to make special allocations for them in their ensuing Budget, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 4th January, 2001; and

(c) if so, the special schemes and programmes Government have chalked out for 2001 -2002 for the poor/ socially weak countrymen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a)The Government